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VISIT OF PM TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to the African countries, any joint strategy has been prepared by the Government and African countries to co-operate with each other in combating terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a)-(c) During PM's visit to Nigeria, a comprehensive Abuja Declaration on Strategic Partnership between India and Nigeria was issued on 15th October 2007. In respect of the fight against terrorism, the Declaration states that "Nigeria and India have a good tradition of cooperating in the fight against international terrorism and drug trafficking. It was agreed that such cooperation shall be enhanced and for this purpose, appropriate agreements would be signed. Both sides also reiterated their unequivocal condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. They stressed that there was no justification whatsoever for any act of terrorism".